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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS PLAY ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT

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1. SCHWEITZER IN HAARETZ APRIL 26 CONCLUDES THAT CHANCES OF ACHIEVING SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ARE BETTER THAN EVEN BECAUSE IT NOT WORTH IT TO SOVIETS AND TO SYRIANS THEMSELVES TO LET PRESENT SITUATION CONTINUE. HE CALLS ON ISRAEL TO ACT VIGOROUSLY TO PROTECT ITS VITAL INTERESTS IN CONCLUDING SUCH AGREEMENT BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOT TO INSIST ON CONDITIONS OF PRESTIGE.

2. HARIF IN MAARIV APRIL 26 SAYS ISRAELI CABINET IN COMING DAYS WILL REVIEW ITS POSITION ON ALLEGED US PROPOSAL THAT KUNEITRA REVERT TO SYRIAN CONTROL UNDER DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. HE PREDICTS GOI WILL CONTINUE TO REJECT IDEA OF SURRENDERING KUNEITRA, " AT LEAST IN THE FIRST STAGE." ACCORDING TO HARIF, SADAT HAS SENT ENVOYS TO PERSUADE ASAD NOT TO INSIST ON GETTING

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BACK KUNEITRA UNDER DISENGAGEMENT, SINCE LATTER IS ONLY FIRST

STAGE.

3. HAARETZ' MILITARY ANALYST SCHIFF APR 26 WRITES THAT ISRAEL SHOULD TRADE KUNEITRA FOR TURNOVER OF SOME HERMON PEAKS SYRIANS NOW OCCUPY, PLUS THOSE IN ISRAELI HANDS, TO UNEF, SINCE HERMON CHAIN LIES BETWEEN FATAHLAND AND SYRIA. IN RETURNING KUNEITRA TO SYRIANS, SCHIFF SAYS ISRAEL SHOULD NOT GIVE UP TWO HILLS IMMEDIATELY WEST OF IT (TEL ABU NIDA AND THE SMALLEF HIL TO NORTH) BECAUSE THESE COMMAND SOME ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS AND ALSO EFFECTIVELY CUT OFF NORTHERN PART OF GOLAN HEIGHTS.  
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